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SUBJECT: JAPANESE "JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD" PROGRAM

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1. EVEN THOUGH OFFICIAL "INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM" TOO NEW TO EVALUATE RESULTS AMONG RETURNEES, EDUCATION MINISTRY LIKES AND EXPECTS TO EXPAND FURTHER. BIG FACTOR IN SUCCESS HAS BEEN WILLINGNESS JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES NOW TO ACCEPT FOREIGN UNIVERSITY CREDITS. ALL EXCHANGES SUPPORT INSTITUTION-TO-INSTITUTION AFFILIATIONS. PROGRAM ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE "JUNIOR YEAR ABOARD" TYPE ALL EXPENSE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS BUT WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SOME GRADUATE STUDENTS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH QUALIFIED UNDERGRADS APPLICATIONS EXPECTED.

2. IN FIRST YEAR (72-73) FORTY JAPANESE STUDENTS ABROAD AND TWENTY-EIGHT FOREIGN STUDENTS TO JAPAN. UNITED STATES LARGEST CONTINGENT (SIXTEEN). WEST GERMANY, UK, PHILIPPINES, EACH THREE. INDIA, SRI LANKA, BULGARIA, AUSTRALIA, KOREA EACH TWO. CANADA, EGYPT, KENYA, POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA EACH ONE.

3. SUBJECT FIELDS ALMOST EQUALLY DIVIDED MAJOR AREAS: FIFTEEN SOCIAL SCIENCE, ELEVEN HUMANITIES, FOURTEEN NATURAL SCIENCE. U.S. CONTINGENT INCLUDES SEVEN SOCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SCIENCE, FOUR HUMANITIES, FIVE NATURAL SCIENCE

4. FROM ABOARD, GRANTS AWARDED NINE TO U.S., SIXTEEN
PHILIPPINES, ONE CANADA, ONE WEST GERMANY, ONE POLAND.

5. NEW FY 73-74 PROGRAM NOWUNDER WAY WILL BE SIMILAR
ALTHOUGH EXACT NUMBERS OF GRANTS NOT YET DETERMINED.
BIGGEST CHANGE THIS YEAR IS BROADENING TO INCLUDE UNDER-
GRADUATES IN TEACHER EDUCATION, SPECIFYING FIFTY GRANTS
(FIFTEEN ASIA, TWELVE U.S. EIGHT EUROPE, FOUR OCEANIA,
FOUR SOUTH AFRICA, THREEAFRICA, THREE NEAR EAST).

6. SINCERESOLVING FOR MOST PART QUESTIONOF CREDITS
(AT URGING OF MINISTRY JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES WHICH PRE-
VIOUSLY DID NOT ACCEPT CREDITSEARNED ABROAD NOW WILL
ACCEPT UP TO 30, COMPARED TO AVERAGE 35 USUALLY EARNED
BY STUDENTS HERE EACH YEAR, THUS STUDENTS NEED NOT MAKE
UP LOST YEAR), REMAINING PROBLEMS ARE DIFFERENCE IN
ACADEMIC YEAR, LACK OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
AMONG JAPANESE STUDENTS, AND LACK OF STUDENT COUNSELING
SERVICES AT JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS.

7. FORWARDING LIST OF INSTITUTIONS AND SUBJECT FIELDS
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